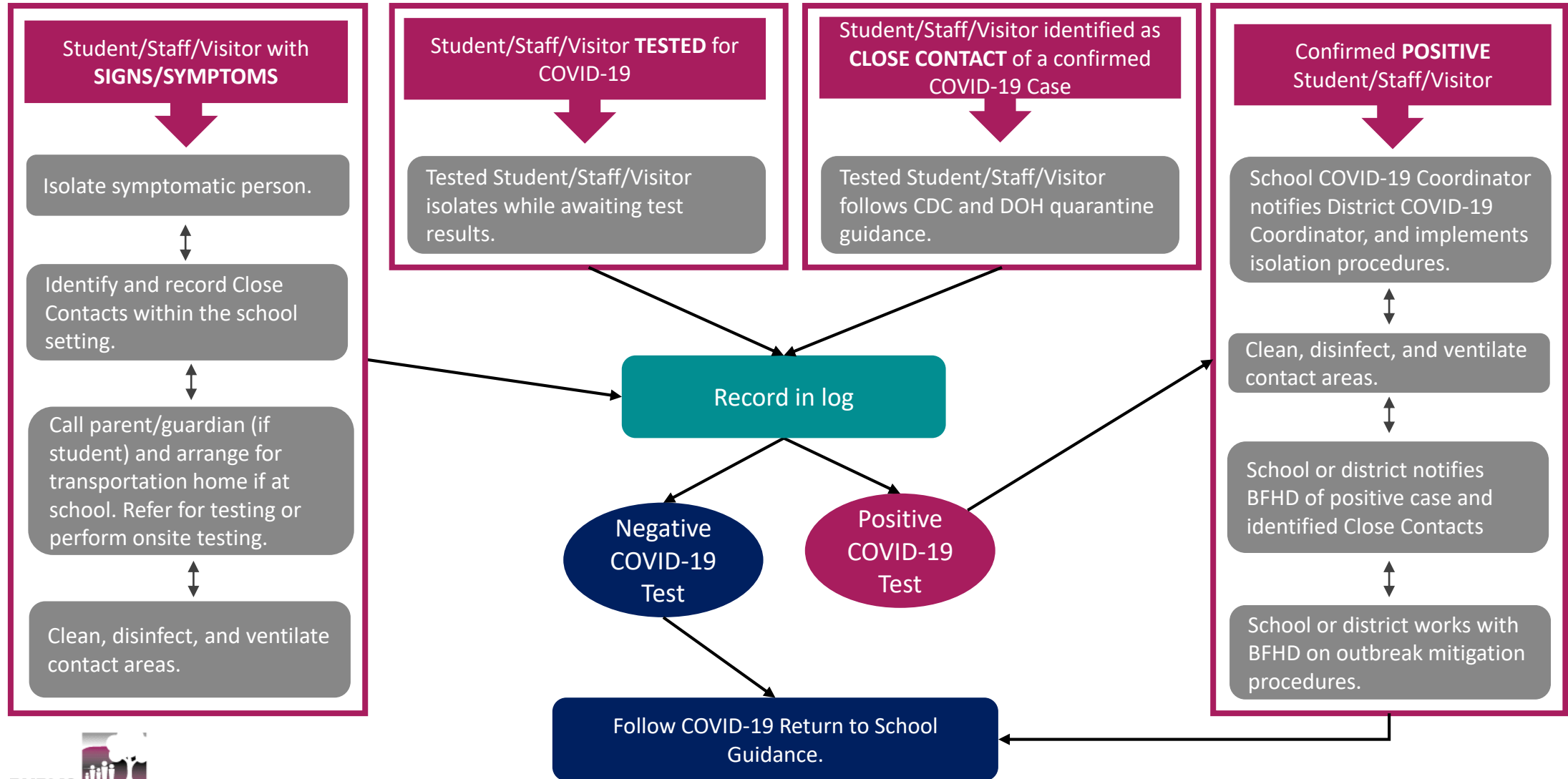


## COVID-19 Case Management Guidance for Schools



# COVID-19 Return to School Guidance

Situation	Can return to school
<input type="checkbox"/> Close Contact with Positive Case or Probable Case	<p><b>If symptomatic or unable to adhere to masking and distancing upon return to school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 days after last contact with positive case <b>and</b></li> <li>• 10 days after symptoms started <b>and</b></li> <li>• At least 24 hrs fever free (without use of fever-reducing medication) <b>and</b></li> <li>• Other symptoms have improved</li> </ul> <p><b>If no Symptoms and able to adhere to masking and distancing upon return to school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>At least</b> 10 days after last contact with positive case, or 7 full days after receiving a negative test result within 48 hrs prior to return date.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive COVID-19 Test	<p><b>If Symptomatic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days after symptoms started <b>and</b></li> <li>• At least 24 hrs fever free (without use of fever-reducing medication) <b>and</b></li> <li>• Other symptoms have improved</li> </ul> <p><b>If no symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days after test collection date</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Any <u>Class A Symptoms</u> <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more <u>Class B Symptoms</u> of any duration <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or more <u>Class B Symptoms</u> lasting more than 24 hrs <b>and</b> No Known Exposure or Close Contact	<p><b>With negative COVID-19 Test Result and/or alternative diagnosis from HCP that explains all symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hrs fever-free (without use of fever-reducing medication) <b>and</b></li> <li>• Other symptoms have improved <b>or</b></li> <li>• Per condition diagnosed by HCP (whichever is longer)</li> </ul> <p><b>Without COVID-19 Test or HCP diagnosis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days after symptoms started <b>and</b></li> <li>• 24 hrs fever-free (without use of fever-reducing medication) <b>and</b></li> <li>• Other symptoms have improved</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <u>Class B Symptom</u> that resolves within 24 hrs <b>and</b> No Known Exposure or Close Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hrs fever free (without use of fever-reducing medication) <b>and</b></li> <li>• Other symptoms have improved</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Awaiting COVID-19 Test Result	Stay home while awaiting test results, then follow appropriate guidance above.

Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19 (not related to a pre-existing condition)
<p><b>Class A Symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever (100.4 or over)</li> <li>• Chills</li> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Loss of taste or smell</li> <li>• Shortness of breath</li> </ul> <p><b>Class B Symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Muscle or body aches</li> <li>• Sore throat</li> <li>• Congestion or runny nose</li> <li>• Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>• Diarrhea (2 or more loose stools in 24 hrs)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Close Contact:</b> Individuals within 6 ft for a cumulative total of 15 or more minutes over a 24 hr period to a confirmed case during the infectious period</p> <p><b>Probable Case:</b> Symptoms and Close Contact with Positive Case</p> <p><b>Infectious Period:</b> Begins 48 hrs prior to symptom onset</p> <p><b>Alternative Diagnosis:</b> Lab-confirmed diagnosis such as strep throat or viral pathogen. Can also include childhood rash illness, acute otitis media, etc. (COVID-19 test still strongly recommended in addition)</p>

\*Quarantine may be waived for essential employees who remain asymptomatic and can adhere to masking and distancing.

\*Secondary Close Contacts do not need to quarantine unless the Primary Close Contact tests positive.

References: [WA DOH](#), [CDC](#)

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